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McDonough Reinstated

by Joy Coleman

Junior, Tom McDonough was reinstated to the position of Student School Board Representative after a two and a half hour closed-door School Board meeting on Thursday, January 2.

According to McDonough, who waited in the hall during the two and a half hour discussion, the board re-opened the vote close to midnight. It was a tied vote at 2-2 so chairman, Joseph Murdoch was allowed to vote. Murdoch's vote favoring McDonough's reinstated made the final decision Thursday night.

Board member Suzanne Loder, said the Board decided to waive the requirement so that they could move on the new issues.

McDonough had been elected by Oyster River students last May in what both McDonough and the students thought was a legal election. However, in June the School Board unanimously voted to deny McDonough his position, due to the fact that they had never said a junior could run.

According to McDonough, he and his father had decided to sue the board, and other officials for illegally unseating him. McDonough's lawyer, Paul Cox and the Strafford County Superior Court had also issued a restraining order in November, so that the Student Council could not hold new elections. McDonough explained that this was done because if there were a new student representative, they would have had as much right to the position as he would have had.



Milliken

by Debby Matusow

Oyster River Science Teacher Eleanor Milliken was elected chairperson of the Dover School Committee on January 6.

Milliken ran against two other members of the seven member committee for the chairperson position, and remained seated on the school committee.

Milliken said her goals for the coming year include: increasing communications between the community and the committee; working on building maintenance—particularly plastering, wiring and heating; and further developing newer programs in the areas of guidance, library and curriculum.

"I am committee person at-large," explained Milliken. The chairperson keeps things moving on a positive and productive level."

Besides her 30 plus years of being an educator, Milliken feels that working

Elected

with the legislature and serving on national and regional committees, identify her as a qualified candidate for her elected position.

"I think my experience is valuable to help in improving the Dover School System."

According to Milliken, one difference between the Oyster River School System and the Dover School is Dover's extensive vocational program to which she plans to devote much attention.

Chairperson

Other teachers from Oyster River involved with different school systems include Mrs. Barbara Hill, Chairperson of the Newington School Board; Madame Juliette Dubois, a member of the Rochester School Board Catholic System; Mrs. Elizabeth Dodge in the Brentwood District and Mr. Charles Perry and Mr. Lou Mroz who ran for Rochester and Dover School Boards respectively.

Plus For Math Team

by Bill Reeves and Jon Myslivy

The Oyster River High School Math Team placed second overall at a Tri-State Math Meet held February 12, at Portsmouth High School.

Oyster River, who totaled 247 points, just two points behind overall leader Masconomet, gained 22 points on Division II leader

Amesbury High School in the overall Division II standings.

OR was lead by a perfect score of 30 points by Senior Kylie Mills, 28 points by Senior Bill Reeves, and 25 by Sophomore Yessim Celikkol.

"The students were well-prepared (for the meet)," said Acting Team Advisor Mrs. Darien Lauten, "and the scores were consistent."

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Supply Ordering Problems at OR

by Bryan Mussulman

Several departments at Oyster River are currently experiencing difficulties in ordering supplies for classes.

All orders are channeled from Oyster River through the Central Office in Somersworth. The Central Office places the order and then the bill is to be paid, from there, out of the district's school budget.

Problems that have arisen are varying. Mr. William Childs, art teacher and head of the Art Department, has delivery of supplies delayed. Clay for the department was ordered before Christmas and has just arrived at Oyster River, January 21, 1986. According to Mr. Childs, this is due to the fact that a kiln ordered from and delivered by the same company last August, was not paid for until three weeks after Christmas.

Ms. Smith explained that she too is aware of problems with bills being paid by the Central Office. Smith, the head of the Foreign Language Department, has received a letter of debt from a film distributor stating that two Latin films that were sent to ORHS in June '85 still haven't been paid for.

Out of the \$5,000 given to the drama department by the Augdenblick fund, \$1,200 has been spent on electrical

work and stage lights but the bill hasn't been paid for yet. Mr. Tappan said, "We are ordering a new curtain for the cafeteria side of the stage from a company that we have not done business with before. Because of this I don't foresee any problems in receiving the curtain. If we had done business with this company I feel that we would have significant problems."

These three departments are the only ones to be found having a problem with orders coming out of the Central Office but each of the department heads have expressed a fear in not being able to place orders in the future due to unpaid bills. Mr. Childs said, "I am concerned with the possibility that other vendors won't want to supply us with materials if we don't pay our bills."

OR Students are in Business

by Cherie Russell

In recent years, Oyster River students have been taking more business courses.

"The business department teaches at least half of the population in school," said Ms. Jacque Hinkley. She

went on to say that the students who plan to work after high school are not the only ones taking business courses. The kids who plan to go to college or get an MBA are also in the classes.

"Business seems to be important in life, so the business classes become more

popular," said Sophomore Recordkeeping Student Tawny Weeks.

"No matter how much social studies, or math, or science you take, it won't help as much as a business class. You're going to have to know how to manage or do something in an office situation," said Senior Wendy Fitchner.

The business department has a wide range of courses including; accounting, business communications, typing, office procedures, recordkeeping, and various computer classes.

"Kids like to take courses that are related to life," said Ms. Hinkley. "I don't think they should be required, with graduation requirements in school which box students out of choice. The business department feels strongly that it isn't fair to eliminate the student option to choose electives. Especially with the six period day, there are still fewer options available to students."

There are awards to recognize fast typists, or competent accountants and business people. The students seem to enjoy these yearly competitions with other schools, and programs like "Junior Achievement". Competitions in typing and accounting are being planned for this upcoming spring.

Food Drive Concluded

by Dan Stewart

The French, Latin, and Spanish Clubs successfully concluded a jointly sponsored food drive at ORHS on December 19th.

According to Latin teacher Ms. Patricia Woodbury, the food collected by the drive (three large cartons), and \$75 in cash, was donated to a sea-coast-wide drive headed by McDonald's Restaurants.

During the drive, which started December 3rd, the clubs placed boxes in all of the ORHS homerooms and asked students to donate non-perishable foods or money.

According to Spanish teacher Ms. Susan Smith, the drive collected about 20 boxes of food last year.

Ms. Woodbury commented, "I would like to make it an annual event." She also said she was pleased with the support of both the faculty and the students.

Sadie Hawkins Dance

by Jeff Kertzer

On January 18, the ORHS held its first Sadie Hawkins Dance in the ORHS cafeteria.

The Student Council made over \$200 from the 115 couples that attended the dance.

Spread the News

by Josh Fitzgerald

"Spreading the News", a comedy in one act, will premiere February 13th at 8:00 pm, according to director Mr. Doug Decker.

There will also be a performance on the 15th, and possibly on the 14th, although that date has not yet been confirmed.

Mr. Decker, an intern from UNH, has directed two plays previously, but this is his first here at ORHS.

"Spreading the News" has a cast of ten, with nine speaking parts. Senior Kjell Youngren and sophomore Nova Wildstar have the leading roles. The play is, "a comedy making a statement on the ridiculousness of gossip," said Mr. Decker. It takes place late one summer afternoon in Ireland, near the close of a fair. A series of misconstructions occur, leading people to believe things that aren't true. And that's where the comedy comes in," said Mr. Decker.

As far as problems go, Mr. Decker commented that there were, "just the usual problems--schedules, and attention spans."

According to Junior representative, Joy Coleman, the admission of \$6 a couple covered most of the costs including refreshments. Couples were able to get their pictures taken for \$9.

The idea of the Sadie Hawkins Dance was brought forward in September by Senior Kevin Pearsall. "Planning for the dance began two weeks after school started," said Pearsall.

According to Coleman, "The Student Council is trying to bring new ideas and activities to the school and hopes the dance will be an annual event."

Coleman added, "Principal Geoffrey Jones arranged for \$500 which was used to pay the DJ, Video to Go."

The dance, which was scheduled to be in the gym, was held in the cafeteria because the gym floor was just newly finished.

Senior Dave May commented, "The cafeteria was decorated very nicely, but I would have preferred it in the gym because there was a lot of dust in the cafeteria."

Senior Joyce Anderson added, "Overall I thought it was fun, the DJ played a variety of music so everyone was happy."



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Seniors in Pajamas

by Kim Dugas

This year's 'Pajama Day' was a success.

In previous years, the seniors held a breakfast during school, but this year's seniors decided not to. Pajama Day, which is held the last school day before Christmas Break, has been a tradition at Oyster River for over ten years.ear, however, the Seniors chose not to have the breakfast before school.

Last year there were many problems with students drinking and skipping classes

on 'Pajama Day'. Jones said" the Seniors took advantage of the occasion, and didn't show much class unity or spirit."

Senior Jo Michel felt this year's 'Pajama Day' started Senior activities off well, and "it brought the class together when there aren't many opportunities for us to be together."

Overall, Jones felt that this year's 'Pajama Day' left a better message to other students, and doesn't want last year's outcome to ruin the activity for future Senior Classes.

Spirit Week

by Bess Franzosa and Sarah Chorlian

On Monday, January 13, Spirit Week began at Oyster River High School.

Various activities such as dress-up days, a pep rally, and a Sadie Hawkins semi-formal dance were planned by the Student Council.

A Snow Festival was planned by the SC and the Mouth of the River ,however, due to a lack of snow, the event was postponed until February 8.

The Mouth of the River asked people around the school how they felt about the idea of Spirit Week:

Senior Scott Shirley: "It (Spirit Week) is a good idea. I think we have some school spirit, but it dissipates as soon as we leave the doors."

Senior Debby Evans: "Not enough people participate (in Spirit Week)."

PROM '86

by Kim Dugas and Joy Coleman

The theme for this year's prom was decided by the Prom Committee at the January 22, meeting, but won't be revealed until more details have been worked out.

In November, the committee chose "Greg Greenway" as the band for the occasion. Prom Committee Chairperson Kiri Gigley said that six members of the committee decided on the four-piece, all male Boston group after listening to demo-tapes of several bands a in entertainment agency in Portsmouth.

The Prom will be held at the Coheco Country Club

Follies Director Found

by John Webb

Seniors Scott Bogle and Jessica Gilsdorf were named on December 18th as co-directors of the 1986 Senior Follies, to be held in the second week of May.

The two were chosen in a closed meeting by the four Senior class officers and the eight Senior class advisors. According to advisor Ms. Susan Smith, the job of director was open to all seniors, with the choice of a male and female director based on past experiences as directors and their qualities of leadership.



Senior Kristine Reischer: "I think spirit is great, but this school doesn't have any"

ORHS school nurse Beth Kleine: "I think it (Spirit Week) is fun, and should be continued."

Senior Chris Balser: "There is no tradition or spirit left in the school, I don't see why we even bother."

Sophomore Chris Masi: "For it to work, more people have to participate."

Junior Mindy MacKay: "It's a good idea if people participate, but not enough do."

Senior Heidi Hendrickson: "It shows that the whole school can do something together."

ORHS teacher Mr. Kohlbornsen: "I'm holding my breath for tomorrow. (Nerd Day)"

When asked why he decided to wear a hat on Hat Day, Senior Jon Clark said, "It's a social statement."

in Dover again, but will be held a week later, on Saturday night, May 17.

Gigley said that the committee has decided on a lighter menu this year, with items such as cheese, crackers, vegetable platters, and a wide variety of desserts.

Concerned Parents

by Kathy Savage

The third meeting of Concerned Citizens, who are interested in discussing drug abuse in the high school, will be held Tuesday, February 11, at 7:30 pm in the basement of St. Thomas More Church in Durham. All sincerely interested students are welcome to attend.

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that she wanted the senior class to "leave the school on a good note."

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Gordon-when U least expect
it,expect it.Hate,Pfanner

Mrs. Gage,
your time
pepperoni-SW

Happy Valentines Day to
Chuckie from his Pizzix Stu-
dents (Both 1st and 3rd).

CHAD,JAY,PIET,& KIT,
Please leave Jenn Stevens
alone-she's ill-J.S.

Jenn Stevens, I hope you die
from your mental illness.

Sarah C.-you are the light
of my life! Love, guess wh.?

spun
dust

PERSONALS

To all OR women:
P-BUSTERS RULE!!!

H270-when you least expect
it the comunicamobile is out

H270-Remember,Valentine's
day is a day to
communicate-B315

We love you Bertha (Mindy)

Jen - Do you have an answer
for me yet?? * jcm

To the weirdo who always
wears shorts I Luv You!!

Happy V-Day Spanky from all
us little rascals

Dart-till the
we shall ne

J E C - H a
Valentine's

Looking for new girlfriend
old one used up P#868-7358

Lar
U b

Heather G. "To Dottie on
Valentines Day!" Deb M.

SW Happy V-Day,good luck
with your schemes Luv B315

Girls-we love to watch you
aerobicize-Ben Franklin

B315 I hope you're ready for
some adventure Getready SW

Happy Valentine's Day
Cutie-Love Dell

I Luv Ya KN,LB,JK,HH,KR,
DR,CJ,DE,WF. From CL

Pfanner-you're goin
so be prepared Lov

WILL YOU BE MY
VALENTINE??

Teddy,best friends forever
member K-Mart?Luv ya Bear

Let's hear it for the
Scrup Squad!-MOO!

D. Metzger:we will always
be together in spirit-Greg

D-G-D-1 FOREVER!!!!

Spike - Remember "jaba-jaba
do": Happy V's day! * jcm

Roses are red,violets are
blue,CR has a better bod
than any of you!!

Chris Mautzi:I want to hold
you tight and feel safe XO X

I love you Sarah C.

Tracey & Adam
XOXOXOXOXOXOXO

Thanks Doug Decker!!
-Mouth of the River-

Laurie - say 'Happy V's day'
to Grammy for me; to you
also. Keep smiling * jcm

Guido, Thanks for all your
help with the paper. MB

Chica-have
under the

Mumbles:Dont skip anymo
goshdam classes-S.McCabe

Jeff "Gucci" Kertzer-
Happy Valentine's Day

WILL
VALENTINE??

Sarah-my favorite French
nanny!Happy V'Day-OBOE

Doug & Josh,we want to
know if you two will go out
with us? (7th grade-DM,KD)

TEENIES

Buffy, I love you so much, please come marry me!
J.M.

ge, thanx for all
ime effort and
i-SW,MB,DM,KD,JC!

spunky cookie dusty-
dusty jabba javelin

all the end of time
all never part-Hawke

Chris Mautz: Happy
Valentine's Day guess who

Dearest Mark; Happy
Valentine's Day Love Lisa

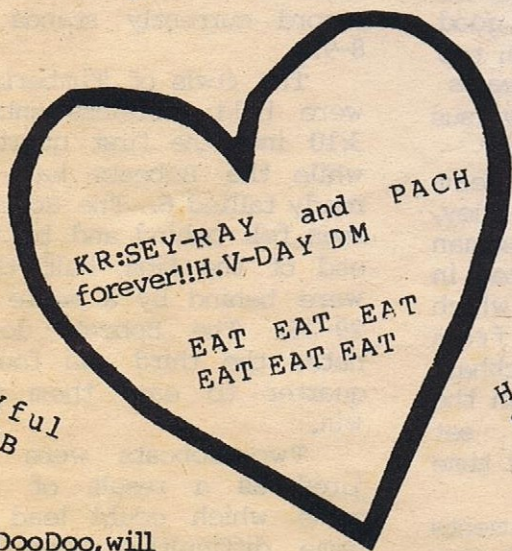
Happy v's day Mr. Wilson
from alpha state

I Love You Miss Audino I'm
sorry for the telephone. xo

M -Happy Valentine's Day!
Be Mine - T

Jenn S.should we pick you
another Ladyslipper?-Miss
Richards-DM,KD

RBW-Happy Valentine's Day
-I Love You!!



-Have a JOYful
ne's Day-KD,DM,MB

Larry, McCabe, McDooDoo, will
U be my Valentines? Luv CR

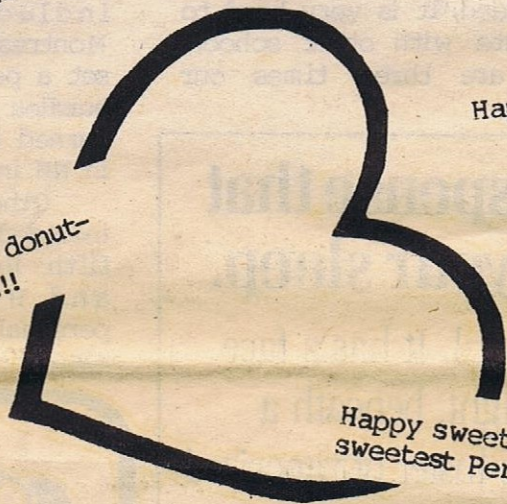
Happy Valentines day to the
Spreadin' the News cast
from MotR.

KR + CL + DE
Happy VD-KEL

You Don't see me, I'm the
same to them, you except for
a slim few, to those I love,
I bless you. RYT NAVI XELA

Happy Valentines Day Mom

L. James I would never leave
you like I did Mr. Bubblmn.



Happy sweetheart day to our
sweetest Perry couple!!

Jen - will you?! * jcm

KE! Juniors-lollipops-Parks-
throwrugs-MUSIC! Happy V Day

Happy Valentine's Day
Theresa Dolan!!!

ACK-Long time no pepe
better remedy this-OOP

Desprately seeking sexy male
Mike for Valentine.C.R.

Happy V Day from your
fashion consultants(5th)

MRO-Happy V-Day and don't
ever forget I luv U-JEC

Aury-here's to a lasting &
strong relationship-Apollo

Happy Valentines Day Daddy

Happy V-Day to my Neighbor
and KC, I idolize you

Dearest Angus OG-I'll love
you forever-Blodenwedd

Happy Valentines Day John
(stay out of the comp. room)

Rick B., You are so awesome.
Hate, M.B.

Mrs. Lauten, a very special
V-Day from your calculus
class. P.S. Do we still have
the test Friday?

Tiger, thanks your sweet! My
best! Goodluck-lets have CA.

have a groovin time
the trees. Love, Spoon

Debby & Kim- we love you!!!

To Lurch, Chief, and the
Staff - Happy V's day from
the Adams Family!!

Varsity Boys Track

by Dina Vasiliou

The Oyster River Bobcats Varsity track team ran against Portsmouth and Nashua at the U.N.H. Field House on January 20. Nashua was on top with 63 points, and Portsmouth second with 43, while Oyster River finished with 12.

Bobcat coach Bob Byrnes said that he was "generally pleased with the way the team did. It is very hard to run against two top Class I teams," he added.

In the 600m, Senior Scott Shirley took a first place victory with a time of 1:28.1. This was not only a personal record for Shirley but also the second best time in the state thus far.

In the 1000m, Senior Peter Parker gained fourth place.

Another Bobcat senior, Bill Lockhart, earned fourth place finishes in both the long jump and the 55m



hurdles.

In the 3000m, Josh Fitzgerald captured fourth for Oyster River and finished fifth in a fast heat of the 600.

The Bobcats relay team of Shirley, Parker, Lockhart, and Junior Rich Marten finished second only to Nashua.

Coach Byrnes said that these early meets help prepare for the state meet. He added, "It is very hard to compete with other schools that are three times our

size." Mr. Byrnes is not concerned with winning at this point, but rather with the team's development. He feels that it's a good opportunity to run with top runners from strong teams instead of running versus weak teams and winning."

On January 11, team members Lockhart, Shirley, Fitzgerald, and freshman Mike Holmes participated in the Dartmouth Relays which included schools from Montreal, Canada. Lockhart set a personal record in the hurdles and Shirley set earned the second best time in NH in the 1000m.

Other accomplishments included Fitzgerald placing fifth in the Tristate mile, and Holmes earning a personal record in the 2 mile race.

Bobcats Knock Down Owls

by Kathy Savage

Oyster River's Boys Varsity basketball team ended their seven-game losing streak against top ranked Timberlane Tuesday, February 11, by a score of 63-56.

The Bobcats have lost their last seven games which include dropping contests to Bishop Brady, Merrimack Valley, Sanborn, and Exeter. The 'Cats fell to Timberlane in an earlier game by a score of 71-64. The Bobcats record currently stands at 8-9.

The Owls of Timberlane were held scoreless until 3:10 into the first quarter, while the Bobcats had already tallied 6. The Bobcats then fell behind and by the end of the first half they were behind by a score of 29-26. The Bobcats dominated the third and fourth quarter to earn them the win.

Two Bobcats were injured as a result of the game which could lead to some difficulties later on, according to Freshman guard Pat Casey. Sophomore forward John Freiermuth may have a ruptured disk in his back and Sophomore Dave Criswell has a possible broken bone in his wrist. Both are awaiting professional diagnosis.

The high scorer for Oyster River was Freiermuth who totaled 27 points opposed to Timberlane's Todd Wolford who had 16.

Head Coach and Athletic Director David Nichols felt that there were two keys which lead to their win: good under pressure ball-handling from Casey and crucial defensive rebounds from Freiermuth near the end.

Nichols said, "They deserved to win it."

Nichols continued, "After our win Friday we'll be a show in for the tournament." He's referring to the Bobcats upcoming confrontation away at Newmarket. The Bobcats lost to the Mules earlier in the season at home.

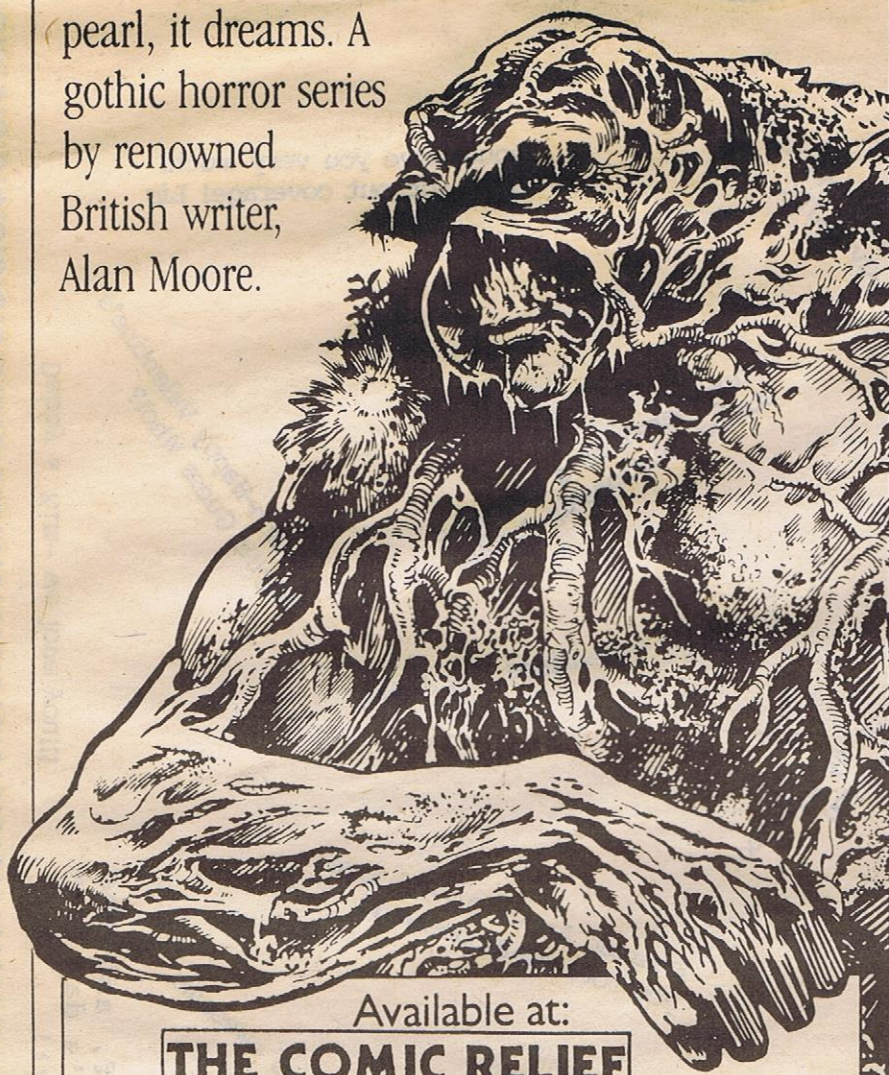
Sophomore forward Todd Bragdon feels that if the team makes it to the tournament and if, "we win our first game, we can make it all the way."

The J.V. Bobcats weren't as lucky with their attack on the Owls. The squad fell to Timberlane by a score of 64-59, which gives them a record of 10-7.



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Bobcat Skaters Edge Warriors

by Mark Blakemore

On Monday February 10, the Oyster River High School Varsity Hockey team beat Winnacunnet 5-4 to secure the 12th and final playoff berth.

Winnacunnet's Andy Janviri opened the scoring with the first of his three goals of the night. The Warriors kept up the pressure and Janviri scored again on a powerplay opportunity.

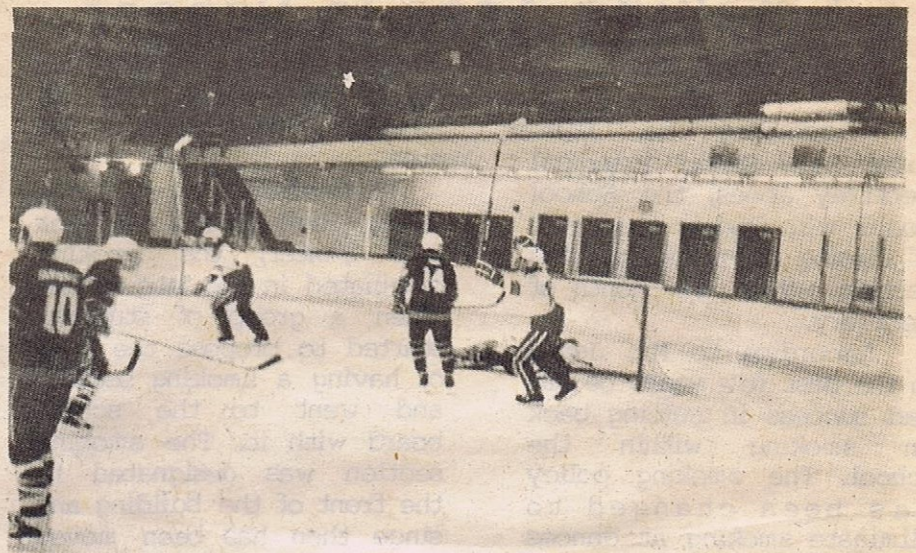
The Bobcats came back as Junior Ed Walenta picked up the first of his two goals. Winnacunnet scored again, but the Bobcats didn't let up as Junior Dan Burger scored to end the second period at 3-2, with Winnacunnet leading.

In the third period, three Bobcats players scored during a three minute rush to make it 5-3, Bobcats. Senior Captains Jeff Kertzer and Tim Cavanaugh each scored along with Walenta to secure the win.

The Warriors beat Senior Goalie Steve West with about two minutes remaining in the game, but the goal wasn't good enough as the Bobcats skated away with the final playoff spot.

OR's West stopped 29 shots, while the Warriors' Pete Falcone turned away 34.

The Bobcats' next game will be against Exeter on February 13 at 8:00 at the Phillips-Exeter Arena.



Michel Hits 1000

by Steve West

The Oyster River girls basketball team met Laconia last night in the first round of Class I tournament action in Durham.

The Bobcats 12-6 record on the season was good enough to earn the seventh spot in the twelve team playoff and a home court advantage against tenth ranked Laconia. On Saturday, the victor will face second seeded Lebanon in the quarter-final round.

Oyster River has met both triumph and adversity on the road to the tournament. A crushing blow came February 3 versus Merrimack Valley when key starters Krisanne Bothner and Daryl Arrighi were injured. Co-Captain Bothner suffered a sprained ankle and is not expected to see playoff action. Arrighi, however, has recovered from torn ligaments in time for post season play.

Coach Barry Fitzpatrick said of his senior center Bothner, "We are going to miss this young lady." Nonetheless he is optimistic entering the playoffs and is confident that his team will be prepared for the tournament.

On the brighter side of the Bobcat season, senior Jo Michel became only the second woman in Oyster River history to score 1000 points. The mark was reached with a 24 point effort versus Exeter last Saturday. Early in the third quarter, Michel drove to the hoop between two defenders and put up an underhand lay-up that rolled around the rim and dropped in, marking the forwards 1001 career point.

"The first thing I felt was relief," noted the senior co-captain who had gone into the intermission needing only a single point. "The team was trying to get the ball to me," she said, "but I didn't want to force it."

The only other girl to reach 1000 points for the Bobcats was 1984 graduate Julie Sasner. "At that time I was just happy for her," said Michel of her former teammate. "But it (1000 points) became something I was striving for."

Oyster River has had to work hard all season to compensate for its youth and injuries. However, Michel feels that "We can go as far as our attitude will let us."



Third Year Champions ?

by Kevin Pearsall

With promises to capture a third New Hampshire State Swimming Championship on this Saturday at the UNH pool, the Oyster River Bobcats started off with its first two meets in winning fashion.

Oyster River sank Portsmouth and allowed Portsmouth only one first place on February 2.

January 15, the first meet of the 1986 season was against Con-Val. Oyster River finished with a strong victory. "It was a good start

for us. I feel really encouraged that we'll go all the way again," said Team Captain Beth Fuller.

Under first year coach Mike Parratto, the Bobcats showed impressive skills. First places were taken by Scott Seaver in the 200 I.M. Doug Bothner the 100 free, Kevin Pearsall the 50 free, Matt Carrico 100 fly, and Bill Reeves in the 500.

"We've got good swimmers who have high potential, I feel that with hard work and dedication another championship team should be no problem," remarked Parratto.

Team member Greg Healy feels "We're a strong team in all areas, we'll go all the way for sure."



Graduation '86

by Alisa Lincoln

On Tuesday, January 14, Principal Geoffery Jones, called a meeting of the Senior Class. The purpose of the meeting, according to Jones, "was not to come in with a 'fata complete'." He was referring to the recent decision concerning graduation robes.

According to "A Blue Graduation", December 20 Mouth of the River, "On Thursday, November 21, the Oyster River School Board approved changes relative to graduation robes and proceedings as proposed by Principal Jones."

At the Senior Class meeting Mr. Jones presented two robes, both blue with

white collars and asked the class to vote on which they preferred.

Immediately, there was protest from the Seniors who felt that the true decision, that of wearing all blue robes rather than the traditional blue and white, had been made against student opinion as polled by the Women's Issues Group.

"The whole idea of having the Women's Issues Group speak to the Senior class was consciousness

raising. It was their survey, presumably to guide them as a group in how to proceed in consciousness raising," said Mr. Jones. The poll showed that 82% favored a traditional graduation. According to Senior Class Vice President Kris Bothner, "I think a lot of kids thought it was a vote."

In a second meeting on Wednesday, January 14, Mr. Jones met with the Senior Class officers, the Senior representatives to the Stu-

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Smoking Area in Danger

by Kristin Limber

According to Oyster River High School Principal Geoffrey Jones, the School Board will review the issue of closing down the smoking section within the month of February.

According to Mr. Jones in the past few years he has had success in cutting back on smoking within the school. The smoking policy has been changed to eliminate smoking at dances and only allowing students to smoke before school and during lunch.

Mr. Jones feels, "That by allowing students to smoke within the school, we are being inconsistent with what we are trying to do within the school. We would prefer that students use their spare time to study."

According to Mr. Jones, some other concerns about

smoking are the health and safety of smoking and the vandalism that occurs in the area.

According to Oyster River High School teacher Bob Baxter, the smoking originated in the late sixties when a group of students started to propose the idea of having a smoking section and went to the school board with it. The smoking section was designated to the front of the building and since then has been moved to the side and is presently located in the back of the building.

School Nurse Beth Kleine said there are many reasons for closing down the smoking section. The main concerns are that smoking is not healthy and by allowing students to smoke in school the school is encouraging and contributing to something that is not

healthy and is destructive to the student. Mrs. Kleine also said, "The smoking area has also been an identified area in which drugs are exchanged and used."

Oyster River High School teacher Charles Perry feels that the smoking section should not be closed down because students will just find somewhere else to smoke causing more problems. Mr. Perry added, "If we as a school decide there should be a smoking section, why not put it right out front, where it can be monitored."

The student body is diverse on this subject. There are many students who are for closing down the smoking section for various reasons.

Senior Greg Healy said, "I don't have a problem with people smoking, I think the issue is the appearance of the school."

Senior Mary Kleine said, "I don't think smoking is

appropriate for in school hours, and the smoking area makes the school look bad."

There is also a wide variety of students with strong opinions for keeping the smoking area open.

Senior Pat Harrington said, "No, I don't think the smoking section should be closed down, because people have the right to smoke if they want to, it's legal and it's a violation of our civil rights, not to be able to smoke at certain times during the day."

Sophomore Bethany Blessing commented, "People will smoke anyway, they will just find other places so it's not worth closing down the smoking section."

According to Mr. Jones the final decision will be made by the school board. Mr. Jones hopes to see the smoking section close down within the month of February.

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dent Council, and the Student Representative to the School Board. He explained, "My point in the issue is not to say that people are discriminated against. I look at graduation as a statement the school makes. We see you as people who have succeeded, the ceremony is a part of, 'this is what we taught you folks.'"

"We have gender-free expectations in our educational program. The way the school deals with you has little to do with whether you're male or female. That's why it bothers me at graduation to say here are our male graduates and here are our female graduates. I would rather say here are our graduates. I may not have expressed this well."

Senior Class President Mary Kleine explained, "The reason there was such an

outburst at the meeting was that no one knew for sure, before that, that we would all be in blue."

On Thursday, January 16, the SC presented a survey to all ORHS students. The survey was "to help the SC and the Student Representative to the School Board represent you." Of the 84 Seniors surveyed, 82% favored a traditional graduation, while 17% favored separate blue and white.

These figures were presented to the School Board that evening, who responded that they would assume it was an administrative decision. Several ORHS students attended the meeting to voice their concern. According to Heidi Hendrickson, "I'm here to protect the rights of myself as a student and stand up for the Senior Class."

Wentworth-Douglas Hospital and recently won an award from the state for their volunteer work.

The CARE group discussed drunk driving with various social studies and English classes at Dover.

"This year we're off to a terrific start," said teacher and advisor Ms. Frei. She went on to say, "The group has about 25 to 30 students who attend meetings regularly."

The students want to focus on drinking and driving awareness. Last year the SADD organization was not

Graduation has gone through many changes throughout the years. One which ties directly to this change in graduation occurred in 1963. On page 11 of the 1963 TRION is a picture of that year's graduates in dark robes, regardless of gender. However, beginning in 1963 males wore dark robes and females wore white.

In the 60's many students felt that robes took away their individuality and a few discarded the robes altogether.

Currently plans are underway for measurements for the gowns to occur in about two weeks. According to Kleine, "At fittings students may choose whether they, as an individual, will graduate in blue or white."

nearly as popular as this school year.

The group, having started with an empty bank account, has gained money through lollipop and T-shirt sales. The lollipops have a motto that says, "Don't be a sucker, don't drink and drive."

Dover SADD has shown the National SADD film to various classes. They are holding an essay contest with a \$25.00 first prize. The winning essay will be published in various newspapers.

Student response to the decision has been great. Senior Greg Healy said, "If he's representing a school it certainly is not Oyster River." Others feel the change is overdue.

Jones commented, "I'm happy so many people are discussing this, debate is a healthy process."



Dover SADD

by Cherie Russel

Dover High School has an active group of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) who are serious about the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

The new SADD advisor this year is Ms. Lynn Frei.

Dover SADD has promoted awareness and held many activities.

Last semester, SADD at Dover High invited the group CARE-cancel alcohol related emergencies-to their school. The group is from

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